

ABSTRACT

A shield for protecting a radiator mounted behind the front grille of a motor vehicle has a grating vertically disposed between the grille and the radiator. The grating has a matrix of quadrangular openings tapering from front to rear in the shape of a truncated pyramid. The increase of open area in the front face of the grating and the tapered walls of the openings maximize the rate of flow of air to the radiator. The small openings on the rear face of the grating reduce the possibility of stones and debris passing through the grating to the radiator. The grating is mounted by use of mating clips and buttons attached to the vehicle frame and to the grating so that the grating can be easily removed for cleaning or replacement.